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NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to setup National Institute for Women Affairs (NIWA);

(b) if so the details thereof along with its aims and objectives; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD EVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA TIRATH)

(a) & (b) Yes, there is a proposal to set up a National Institute for Women Affairs (NIWA) under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. However, at present the National Resource Centre for Women (NRCW) under the National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) is working towards ensuring the operationalization of the Mission at National, State and District levels. NMEW is a unique initiative to bring about convergence across Policies, Programmes and Schemes with gender focus across Ministries and Departments through inter-sectoral coordination with Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) as the nodal ministry to meet the larger objective of overall development and empowerment of women. The Mission also endeavors to facilitate the reach of various services and programmes of the Central and State Governments to the target group of women.

The NRCW is mandated to carry out studies and undertake research projects on various domain and sub-domain areas as identified and is also be responsible for carrying out the impact assessment studies of various policies, programmes and schemes. It is also responsible for devising a suitable media strategy to highlight the programmes and schemes of the Mission and their achievements as well as Public Service Campaign Strategies to focus on retrograde social practices that afflict the society. The activities of the Mission focus on five crucial areas such as Economic Empowerment, Elimination of Violence against Women (VAW), Gender Mainstreaming/Gender Budgeting, Social Empowerment and Ensuring delivery of the benefits under various governmental schemes/programs to the ultimate beneficiaries.

(c) No such timeline has been fixed.